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(57) Abstract

The subject of the invention is the genomic sequence and the nucleotide sequences encoding polypeptides of *Chlamydia pneumoniae*, such as cellular envelope polypeptides, which are secreted or specific, or which are involved in metabolism, in the replication process or in virulence, polypeptides encoded by such sequences, as well as vectors including the said sequences and cells or animals transformed with these vectors. The invention also relates to transcriptional gene products of the *Chlamydia pneumoniae* genome, such as, for example, antisense and ribozyme molecules, which can be used to control growth of the microorganism. The invention also relates to methods of detecting these nucleic acids or polypeptides and kits for diagnosing *Chlamydia pneumoniae* infection. The invention also relates to a method of selecting compounds capable of modulating bacterial infection and a method for the biosynthesis or biodegradation of molecules of interest using the said nucleotide sequences or the said polypeptides. The invention finally comprises, pharmaceutical, in particular vaccine, compositions for the prevention and/or treatment of bacterial, in particular *Chlamydia pneumoniae*, infections.

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**B. FIELDS SEARCHED**

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### Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1.  Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:  
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see additional sheet

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**claims 1-3 and 7,9,11,13,26,27,30,44,45,48 (partially)**

#### Remark on Protest

The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

**FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210**

Invention 1 : claims 1-3 and 7,9,11,13,26,27,30,44,45,48 (partially)  
nucleotide seq.id.n.1 coding for the genome of  
Chlamydia pneumoniae, corresponding vector, host, method of  
detection, DNA chip, screening assay and kit.

Invention 2 : claims 4-56 (partially)

ORF2 of Chlamydia pneumoniae, fragments, corresponding  
polypeptides, nucleotide sequences, DNA chip, cloning  
vector, host, method for producing polypeptides, fusion poly-  
peptide, method for the detection, kit, antibody, immunogenic  
and pharmaceutical composition, screening assay.

Inventions 3-1297 : identical to invention 2, but applied to orf3-1297, in  
which invention 3 is limited to ORF3, invention 4 to ORF4, etc..  
until invention 1297 that is limited to ORF1297.